

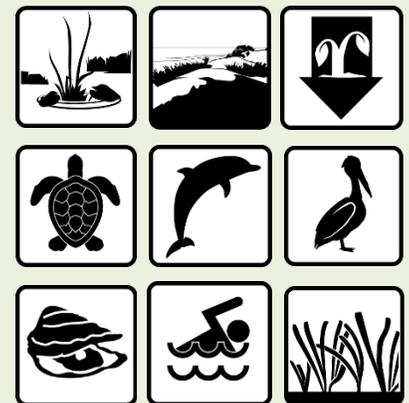
Louisiana Restoration Area

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WHAT WE DO

Our work in the Louisiana Restoration Area focuses on restoring wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats, including habitats on federally managed lands; restoring water quality and habitat; replenishing and protecting wildlife and marine resources, such as sea turtles, dolphins, birds, and oysters; and providing and enhancing recreational opportunities.



WHO WE ARE

The Trustee Representatives for the Louisiana Restoration Area are:

- Lawrence B. “Bren” Haase, Louisiana
- John Tirpak, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Mel Landry, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Ron Howard, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Doug Jacobson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RECENT ACTIVITIES

In the past year we have been busy overseeing the continued planning, engineering, design, construction and monitoring of restoration projects. Since the 2018 DWH NRDA Trustee Council meeting, three restoration plans have been finalized: one to reallocate Early Restoration Funds for four projects to address lost recreational use opportunities, one to address lost recreational opportunities and water quality, and one to construct bird habitat. With this last plan, we granted final approval for restoration of a key pelican rookery in the Barataria Basin.

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RESTORATION OVERVIEW

For more information, visit www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/louisiana



Queen Bess Island slated for Construction Sept. 2019

Queen Bess Island, a key pelican rookery especially hard hit by the oil spill, will receive new life with the restoration of 36 acres of prime habitat. In addition to pelicans; this project will benefit egrets, herons, terns, brown skimmers, and gulls among other species.

Restoration Projects by Goal

REPLENISH AND PROTECT LIVING COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES

- Assessment of Marine Mammal Physiological Responses to Low Salinity Exposures (🔄 \$249K)
- Louisiana Oyster Cultch Project (🟢 \$15.6M)
- Queen Bess Island Restoration (🔄 \$18.7M)
- Rabbit Island Restoration Project (🔄 \$3M)

RESTORE AND CONSERVE HABITAT

- Barataria Basin Ridge and Marsh Creation Project: Spanish Pass Increment (🔄 \$4.9M)
- Louisiana Outer Coast Restoration (🔄 \$318.4M)
- Lake Hermitage Marsh Creation – NRDA Early Restoration Project (🟢 \$14.4M)
- Large-Scale Barataria Marsh Creation – Upper Barataria Component (🔄 \$5.4M)
- Lake Borgne Marsh Creation Project: Increment One (🔄 \$7M)
- Shoreline Protection at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (🔄 \$2.3M)
- Terrebonne Basin Ridge and Marsh Creation: Bayou Terrebonne Increment (🔄 \$5.3M)

PROVIDE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area Access Improvements (🔄 \$920K)
- Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area Campground Improvements (🔄 \$3.2M)
- Bayou Segnette State Park Improvements (🔄 \$2.1M)
- Belle Chasse Boat Launch (🔄 \$250K)
- Chitimacha Boat Launch (🔄 \$650K)
- Cypremort Point State Park Improvements (🔄 \$4.4M)
- Des Allemands Boat Launch (🔄 \$1.8M)

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- Elmer's Island Access Projects (🔄 \$6M)
- Grand Isle State Park Improvements (🔄 \$6M)
- Improvements to Grand Avoille Boat Launch (🔄 \$247K)
- Lake Charles Science Center and Educational Complex (🔄 \$7M)
- Louisiana Statewide Artificial Reefs Program (🔄 \$6M)
- Middle Pearl Boat Launch (🔄 \$575K)
- Pass-a-Loutre Wildlife Management Area Crevasse - Access (🔄 \$1.5M)
- Pass-a-Loutre Wildlife Management Area Campground (🔄 \$1.6M)
- Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area Recreational Use Enhancement (🔄 \$5M)
- Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area – Island Road Piers (🔄 \$3M)
- Recreational Use Improvements at Jean Lafitte NHPP (🔄 \$1.2M)
- Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Piers and Signage (🔄 \$690K)
- Sam Houston Jones State Park Improvements (🔄 \$2.4M)
- St. Bernard State Park Improvements (🔄 \$1M)
- The Wetlands Center (🔄 \$2M)
- The Wetlands Harbor Activities Recreational Facility (WHARF) Phase I (🔄 \$995K)

RESTORE WATER QUALITY

- Nutrient Reduction on Dairy Farms in St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes (🔄 \$1.5M)
- Nutrient Reduction on Dairy Farms in Washington Parish (🔄 \$1.5M)
- Nutrient Reduction on Cropland and Grazing Lands in Bayou Folse (🔄 \$3M)
- Winter Water Holding on Cropland in Vermilion and Cameron Parishes Plus Agricultural Best Management Practices (🔄 \$3.5M)

MONITORING, ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT

- Louisiana Coastwide Fish and Shellfish Monitoring Program (🔄 \$2.1M)
- Louisiana Colonial Waterbird Monitoring (🔄 \$430K)
- Louisiana Marine Mammal Abundance, Distribution, and Density (🔄 \$402K)

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